



GOD'S LOVE

Joy and Grief

It takes, at least, two to be real merry.
But only one can heave a sigh;
Two by two people marry,
One by one they die.

All through life we are longing,
For a better day to dawn;
But before we scarcely know it,
One by one we are gone.

We always want help in the battle,
As unto the Father we cry;
We have learned to enjoy companions,
But alone some time we shall die.

Joy has always hunted company,
But grief will always weep alone;
There were many guests at Cana,
Gethsemane had only one.

—T. S. Payne.

THE GROUND OF



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

If any one wants a revival, let me know.—Albert Teaster, Caroleen, N. C.

The Lavonia, Ga., district convention of the Church of God will convene Aug. 21-23. Everybody welcome. Brother J. P. Hughes, our state overseer, will be in charge.—C. H. Prince, pastor, 187 Hartwell Rd., Lavonia, Ga.

We are beginning a revival at the Church of God at Switzer, W. Va., Aug. 16, with Brother and Sister Harry Sells in charge. We desire the prayers of the saints for this meeting. This makes the third revival we have had at this place this year. We have had about sixteen additions but we have not done what I feel we should have done.—E. H. Bowen, Rossmore, W. Va.

Anyone in the Southern or Eastern states desiring a revival between now and the Assembly, may write us as we expect to hold some revivals on the way.—C. E. Banks, 817 South 7th St., Kansas City, Kans.

I am in a revival here on Snake Ridge, about twelve miles west of Rayville, La., having a good meeting. Seven have received the Holy Ghost. Pray for the meeting.—Claude E. Chambliss, Rt. 1, Rayville, La., c/o H. Stevens.

The Montgomery district convention will convene at Montgomery church with devotional services Friday night before, Aug. 15, all day Saturday and Sunday. The churches on this district are expected to send delegates. Each church come with your quota for aged ministers, also missions as required by the Assembly. Come on, folks, let's go over the top in all this. Our esteemed overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn, will be with us in our district meeting. Let's go to the capital city, to the district meeting of the Church of God.—L. P. Shaw, Dist. pastor, Montgomery, Ala.

The Waycross district home coming is to be at Bachlott church the first Sunday in September. All the churches in the district are invited, especially are the former pastors invited, also any who can come from other districts, relatives, friends and all. Come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us throughout the day. There will be a basket dinner at noon. Bring yours well filled. Bachlott is on state route No. 23, between Nahunta and Folkston. Pray that God will give victory to His glory.—James S.

Roberts, district pastor; D. F. Baldree, helper, Winokur, Ga.

CORRECTION.—In my report on the Carrollton, Ga. district convention sometime ago I gave the number of churches on the district as seven. The correct number is six.—J. R. Chambers.

I am an evangelist. Any one needing my help may write me. I am just back from Eupora, Miss. The Lord wonderfully blessed in a meeting there. Five were sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Elder U. B. Daniels is pastor there. The writer was in charge.—Maxey Nesbit (colored), New Albany, Miss.

We are open for revivals. We have five children. They play music and sing. We both have the Holy Ghost and are members of the Church of God and I have papers (exhorter's) with the church. Our address is Wellford, S. C., Rt. 3. If any one has a medium sized tent to sell on terms, please write us at once. Yours for lost souls.—Mrs. Neata Underwood and family.

The Washington, Pa., Y. P. E. and Sunday School district convention will convene at New Bethlehem Aug. 15, 7:30 p. m., and continue all day the 16th. Brother Blankenship, our state overseer, will be present. We are expecting a wonderful time so come one and all.—R. H. Flinchum, district overseer.

We are in a revival at Montgomery, Ala. The Lord is surely blessing. The saints are praising God and shouting the victory. Sinners are falling in the altar and getting the Holy Ghost. Please pray that this will be the greatest revival this church has ever had.—J. A. Hunt and helpers.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God at McVeigh. Sept. 6. Everybody is invited. We want all the members of McVeigh church to be present, also the other churches in the district. There will be all-day service and dinner. Everybody bring a good basket of good eats. We expect a great time in the Lord. Everybody welcome.—Willis Carden, pastor.

To the ministers and laity of the Lansing, Mich. district: Every Friday from 2:00 until 2:30 p. m. we will broadcast a Church of God program over station WELL, 1420 K. C., Battle Creek, Mich. This program will be financed by the five churches on the district, so it is your program. Get behind it and push it. Mail your contributions to the writer. I would like for the pastors of this district to have at least one revival, if possible, before the General

Assembly.—W. H. Barnard, district overseer, 323 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing, Mich.

This is to notify those concerned that Sister Ethel West, Okeeffe, W. Va., is clerk of the Church of God at Devon, W. Va.—H. H. Tygart, pastor, Vulcan, W. Va.

We started a revival here Aug. 3 with Brother Peoples in charge. We ask the saints everywhere to earnestly pray with us that God will give us a mighty revival, one in which many souls will pray through to victory. All who can, come and be with us. Don't forget to join us in prayer.—Sister Leola Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

Dear Y. P. E. members of South Carolina: I take this means of letting you know that the Greenwood Y. P. E. won the attendance banner for the first month. You all know this banner is new and it is one I'm sure you would be proud to display in your church. Now every one has a chance to win this banner. It is based on percentage, just as the Sunday School banner is. I want every Y. P. E. in the state to be sure and report next month so I can make my report for the last time before the Assembly. If there're any Y. P. E's that have not been reporting, I would be glad for you to report. We are working for the national banner this year and it will be only with your co-operation that we can do this.—Yours in His service, C. F. Grant, 8 Front St., Saxon, Spartanburg, S. C.

AN APPRECIATION

Praise Him from whom all blessings flow. A feature of the Oklahoma camp meeting and state convention worthy of special mention, was that Maud camp ground was made permanent camp property for the state. This was made possible through the untiring efforts and donation of Brother C. C. Cherry. We now have a good location, one block off the highway, consisting of nine lots, 40x46 tabernacle, and new church building, local and state property. We believe we voice the sentiment of the church, local and state, in saying, Surely we are thankful and do appreciate this splendid gift.—A. E. Opsata, camp ground secretary.

We are in a revival at Laurens, S. C. God is blessing wonderfully. His power is convicting sinners. In four nights sixteen have been converted, ten sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. The power of God is falling in a mighty way. Brother R. E. Lovelle is doing the preaching. Brother R. G. Looney is our pastor and God is blessing his efforts. Pray earnestly for the salvation of lost souls.—L. V. Duncan, 23 Copeland St., Laurens, S. C.

DIVINE HEALING

MERLE H. GREENE

There is an old saying, "God helps those who help themselves," and there are many who believe this is so. Allow me to revise it thus, "God helps those who cannot help themselves." The Bible agrees to this and nowhere within its pages can be found anything to make us doubt the truth of the statement.

There are thousands of sick people in the world to-day, and many of God's children, who know nothing about divine healing. Shall we let them die when Jesus came to redeem man's body as well as his soul and spirit? Could you think of a creator who would bring us into the world and not provide some remedy to keep us?

Divine healing is the act of God's grace by the direct power of the Holy Ghost, by which the physical body is delivered from sickness and disease and restored to soundness and health. There are many promises in the Bible that divine healing was to be an attainable blessing to the people of God. We find it given to the people of Israel in a special covenant promise. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee." Exodus 23:25.

Even before this covenant blessing was promised, the physical condition of the people was perfect, which indicates clearly that God had a special interest in their health. Psalms 105:37. There were at least two and one-half million people in the exodus from Egypt, and "there was not one feeble person among their tribes." Moses enjoyed this blessing in a special manner (Deut. 34:7), so also did Caleb enjoy an unusual experience of preservation and health to an old age, Joshua 14:10, 11. David personally knew of the benefits and blessings of healing. Psalms 6:2; 30:2; 103:1-4. When Israel lived up to the covenants conditions, they all had the benefits of healing and health, Psalms 107:20; 2 Chr. 30:

20. Hezekiah had a personal experience of the same, 2 Kings 20:1-5.

This blessing was not only for the Jew in prophecy, but also given as a redemption blessing, which, together with all other gospel blessings through Christ, is offered to both Jew and Gentile, Gal. 3:27-29. There is more said about divine healing in prophecy than I can give in this message, but I will quote a few verses and the rest can be read at your leisure. "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing." Isa. 35:5, 6. This very prophecy is referred to by Jesus Himself in Matt. 11:5, 6 where it was daily being fulfilled. "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Another very plain prophecy is found in Isa. 53:4, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." The fulfillment of this wonderful voice of inspiration is found in Matt. 8:17, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness."

The beautiful prophecy of salvation and healing is found in the following verse. Isa. 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." These prophecies all point to the redemption work of Jesus, which finds its center in the cross. The apostle Peter refers to this verse just quoted in the following language: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sin should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24. The following references will enable you to see that more is said in prophecy about healing: Isa. 42:7; 61:1, fulfilled in Luke 4:18-21; prophesied in Mal. 4:2, fulfilled in Matt. 4:16; Luke 1:78, 79. These are all fulfilled in redemption.

Some one has asked, "Brother Greene, do you believe the Bible teaches divine healing as a redemption blessing?" I most assuredly do, and do you not see how plain this is made in the prophecies just quoted and in their fulfillment? Jesus worked in every respect, in life, minis-

try, death and resurrection, just according to His redemption plan. His words and deeds are the divine expression of this redemption plan, and we can clearly see that healing for the body is placed upon an equality with healing for the soul. Both are obtained upon the same grounds—obedience and faith.

Salvation may be obtained without mental healing, while both are obtained by faith, yet they may not both be obtained by the same act of faith. Jesus will be to us just what our faith takes Him for. We will note that as some come to the Lord for healing, they will add, "If it be thy will, heal me, Lord." On the other hand, do you suppose those same people would say, "If it be thy will, Lord, save me"? We have already learned that He will save all who come to Him and "him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out"—the blessed words of the Master. In like manner He is able to heal our bodies, bless His good name forever.

In an evangelistic service once a skeptic asked me if Jesus healed every one that came to Him, and perchance some one reading this sermon may ask the same question. Let me refer you to Matt. 4:23, 24; 12:15. In reading these references you will notice the people "came to him" for healing, and "followed him." At Nazareth, His own town, where He had been brought up. He could do no great work among them, because of their unbelief. At Capernaum, where some of the most remarkable healings were wrought, the people were a believing people. Out of nineteen of the most prominent individual cases of healing in the ministry of Christ and the apostles, there were twelve of these where their faith is spoken of. The rest are mentioned sufficiently plain to show that faith brought the healing in every case.

This was wonderfully manifested in the ministry of the apostles, after the day of Pentecost, Acts 3:1-16; 5:12-16; 8:6-8; 9:17, 18, 33-35; 14:8-10, 19, 20; 19:11, 12; 20:8-12; 28:3, 6, 8. This proves clearly that divine healing is a redemption blessing for the entire Holy Ghost dispensation.

Some one may say, But we are taught

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We wish to keep before our people the importance of ordering your Sunday School literature for the fourth quarter earlier this time on account of the Assembly convening on Oct. 2. Also, our books will close Sept. 15 and owing to the usual arrangements for the Assembly, our help will be busy. We are setting up the Sunday School literature and will have it ready for you by Sept. 1. Thank you in advance for early orders.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

We are placing orders for new Bibles and books and we hope to be able to supply our people with the very best religious literature. Please remember us when you need anything in this line.

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH

We are pleased to notice that our people are coming to the front on foreign missions and many other lines of loyal service for the Master. Eight or nine years ago we owed \$64,000 general indebtedness. Most of this has been raised in the last eight years. The people have been burdened with establishing the Church and its true doctrine in the homeland. Merging from the burden of debt and the establishment of new churches in the homeland, it is perfectly natural that our people would feel free to contribute largely to foreign missions, that the Church and its doctrine might be carried to the ends of the earth. We believe that God's divine hand is directing this work and we pray that His Spirit will direct and this great work of the Church of God and its pure doctrine will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

NOTICES

Sometime ago we received some letters from a few of our bishops asking that the advertisement of members be

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discontinued for the present. We heartily agree with this request and have been writing to those who have been sending in such notices, telling them to wait until the Assembly that we might have an opportunity to make suggestions and pass a rule concerning the same. We are also receiving requests to advertise different things for individuals, such as stamps, tracts, advertising for homes, for servants to live in different homes, etc. Our experience concerning such advertisements in the past has not been satisfactory and we feel that these advertisements should be discontinued for the present. We hope that those who read this will understand our position and will not be offended because you do not see your ad in the paper.

THE WAY TO GOD

(Continued)

REPENTANCE

Being conscious of our sin, what is the next step?

When John the Baptist came preaching he said, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2).

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Paul in preaching to the people of Athens, speaking of the attitude of the Lord to sinners said, "But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

When the people came to hear John the Baptist preaching repentance his next word to them was, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" (Matt. 3:8).

So there must be some fruits of repentance. Naturally we will ask what is true repentance?

REPENTANCE IS SORROW FOR SIN

"Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation" (2 Cor. 7:10).

"The sacrifices of God are a broken

spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psa. 51:17).

"In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek the Lord their God" (Jer. 50:4).

THE SORROW OF REPENTANCE BRINGS CONFESSION OF SIN

"I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord: and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Psa. 32:5).

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledged my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Psa. 51:2-4).

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8, 9).

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

Real Sorrow for Sin with Honest Confession thereof will be Accompanied By a Real Forsaking of Sin

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isa. 55:7).

Genuine Repentance is Accompanied by Both the Desire and Purpose to as Far as Possible Right all the Wrongs Which Have Been Committed

When Zaccheus saw Jesus and sought His favor he said, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8).

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live" (Ezek. 33:14-16).

Having become conscious of sin and being really sorry so that we have confessed and forsaken it we are now come

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Lift Up the Standard

MYRTLE WHITEHEAD

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10.

I want to use the last clause of this verse for a text, "Lift up a standard for the people." Standard means a flag, ensign, or banner, around which men rally, or which they follow; that which is established as a rule or model. Surely we are living in the last days and many doctrines and theories of men are being advocated. With these facts before us, we as Spirit-filled men and women, should strive to lift up the standard of God's eternal truth, higher than ever before. Oh, I do want to see The Church of God rise and shine. Some people seem to think we can win people for the Lord, have greater influence, by toning down, compromising, leaving off a few things; but The Church of God is supposed to stand for the whole Bible rightly divided and if we tone down, leave off, cool off, we will never win this lost world for God, but we'll soon be a dead church. The devil will get us on his "cooling board" if he can.

There is power in the gospel. Paul says in Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." The gospel is what this world needs. They are tired of dry, shallow, preaching and formality—no power in the preaching, no power in the songs and prayers, nothing to draw the people to the Lord. Jesus said in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." He was speaking here of His death on the cross, but since He has paid the price for this wonderful salvation, surely we can lift Him up. I am sure we can in different ways. Oh, I want to live so people can see Christ in me. Lift up the blood-stained banner high.

I remember quite well the first Church of God service I ever attended. Just a few saints were present, but the power of God was there. The songs were inspired, the preacher gave out the Word with power, their faces shined with the glory of God. All this was enough for me. Conviction seized my heart and before the close of the revival, I received the Holy Ghost and was added to the Church of God. They lifted up the standard for the people. I remember when I came in the Church, the minister in charge did not have to make any restrictions concerning what we must lay

aside or give up or how we must adorn ourselves. The grace of God which brought this wonderful salvation, according to Titus, 2nd chapter, had taught us everything to deny, or give up. These days, when people present themselves for membership, the minister has to be very particular in mentioning probably, a dozen or more things they must leave off to become members of The Church of God. They have to mention about how the sisters must dress. Is the standard being lifted, or what is the trouble? If we lower the standard, dress like the world, talk like the world, people will not want the blessing we say we have, for they cannot see any difference in our lives and theirs. I think Col. 3:3 is a good model to go by. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." I believe it will take a life dead to the world, hid with Christ in God, to be able to go to the marriage supper.

God has always had a standard for His people. Noah lifted up the standard for the people in his day, was perfect in his generation. He did not compromise even if no one would believe him, but his own family. Paul did not fail to lift up the standard. He did not preach with enticing words. Peter and John were not afraid to lift up a Bible standard, if they did have to suffer for it. They were willing to suffer rather than to lower the standard.

There is more required of us than any people on earth. Why? Because we say we are the only Bible Church and have the Bible for our discipline. Do our lives measure up to the precious Word of God? Have we failed God? We have no excuse to offer. We have the model. Let's help others to see this good way. While some are compromising, falling by the wayside, I have a determination to hold up the standard till Jesus comes. Like Nehemiah of old (Neh. 6:3), "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down." This is a great work because it is the Lord's work and we cannot stop now. We are too near home to let the standard down and fall now. Let's take courage and stand for the truth and right, regardless of the cost, "Lift up the standard for the people," and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls for us and hear Him say "Well done." Praise the Lord! I feel His presence now.

REQUEST

Dear readers, pray for my daughter-in-law, that God may heal her body.—
Florence Carney, Foxworth, Miss.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Texas State Convention and Camp Meeting

Weatherford, Texas, Aug. 6-16
T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

Arkansas State Convention and Camp Meeting

Velvet Ridge Church, 10 miles north of Bald Knob, Ark.
Aug. 8-16
J. A. McCULLAR, Overseer

Missouri State Convention

Aug. 13-16.
W. J. MILLIGAN, Overseer

Maryland, Delaware, Washington.

D. C. Convention and Camp Meeting

Near Shiloh, Md., Aug. 20-30
(Convention Aug. 20-23)
W. CARL MILLIGAN, Overseer

Virginia State Convention and Camp Meeting

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 20-30
J. L. DORMAN, Overseer

Pennsylvania State Camp Meeting

Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa.
Aug. 20-Sept. 6
C. H. BLANKENSHIP, Overseer

State Convention

Kingston, Jam., B. W. I.
11 French St., New Town, Sept. 1-4
H. A. HUDSON, Overseer

Pennsylvania State Convention (Colored)

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 30-Sept. 6
G. BYRD, Overseer

Maine State Convention

Appleton, Me., Sept. 3-7
H. W. POTEAT, Overseer

Alabama State Convention (Colored work)

Sept. 10-13, Montevallo, Ala.
W. L. FORD, Overseer

Twelve Counsellors' Meeting

Cleveland, Tenn.
Sept. 17-27. 7:30 P. M.

Bishops' Council

Chattanooga, Tenn.
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Chattanooga, Tenn.
October 2-8

The World's Fortune Under the Feet of Men

BY FRED W. BARFIELD

"They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame," Heb. 6:6. "Who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God," Heb. 10:29.

We have before us a picture full of meaning—one that is before our eyes every day. However, only those who are awakened to eternal things can see the devil luring souls on with his phantom bubbles. Not until the future world will any of us comprehend its full meanings. Recklessly the world in its wild pursuit after the various attractions that lure them on, trample underfoot the Christ on the cross, only to find these things were bursting bubbles in their hand, and very often the things the world desires so much and are continually racing after just elude their grasp. See the man stretching every nerve and bending every effort to obtain earthly wealth. Not content with food and raiment for himself and family, he stifles the voice of conscience, the voice of God and the voice of the widow and orphan, trampling underfoot the righteous teachings of Christ that were given to control his life; working on the Lord's day, misrepresenting, overreaching and stealing—all to satisfy his thirst for gold. Thus he heaps treasures together for the last-day fires and leaps into hell with only a bubble in his hand.

No one is so industrious as a Christian, but he does not use any unwarrantable means to make money. To use the words of John Wesley, "He makes all he can without injuring his own soul or body or the souls and bodies of others, saves all he can, and gives all he can to the Lord's cause and the poor. He is a faithful steward, laying up treasures in Heaven where his heart is and where he will find it at the end of life, with interest added."

The lust of the flesh is another bubble that is luring men and women on to sure destruction. "The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness," Gal. 5:19. Truly these are manifest to an alarming extent, and it is "a shame even to speak of those things that are done of them in secret." However, it seems to be no shame to commit these sins, and someone has said that those who appear so modest and so shocked when these things are publicly denounced, though in the most select language, are the ones who are guilty and their modesty is only affected. As long as people will sin it is our imperative duty to expose and denounce it. See the man of the world racing after this bubble with

"eyes full of adultery that cannot cease from sin" and women feeding this depraved nature in man by dressing to attract attention (Isa. 3:18-26), rather undressing in public places! Such shameful exposure of their person cannot but engender lust. To the pure, immodest dress is sickening and disgusting. There is a higher, nobler plane of life than those who chase this bubble know anything about—another atmosphere in heavenly places with God and the angels. Guilty one, repent, confess and forsake and let Jesus wash you and make you whiter than snow!

Ease, fame, and worldly honor have their enticement to those who live alone for this world. They may be moral people and what the world calls honest and upright in many respects, but they have ease—add comfort after comfort to their homes, never sacrificing anything for the good of humanity—are indifferent as to eternal things, making no effort to save their own souls or the souls of those around them. They seek the praise of men and not "the honor that cometh from God only." Thousands are racing after these bubbles and many grasp them.

Look at the pleasure seekers! See them day after day chasing this phantom, ever unsatisfied. They play music to drown the voice of conscience and charm into momentary happiness, deceiving themselves with good feeling while their hearts are full of sin. They deck themselves with the everchanging fashions, read exciting literature, travel over sea and land. And how often do you hear these expressions after hours of sweat and toil in pursuit of pleasure at a parade or picnic, "Oh, I am so tired. I'll never go again." But time after time they go on the hunt and as often they come home restless and dissatisfied, worn in body, sick at heart, ever longing, never satisfied, ever seeking, never finding. The woman paints and powders and starts out again on the hunt for pleasure. The theater, the dance, the moving pictures, and many worldly amusements lure both men and women, young and old, rich and poor, professor and nonprofessor. They spend their "money for that which is not bread, and their labor for that which satisfieth not," the bubble bursts in their hands, they come home with their eyes full and their hearts empty. They have looked in the wrong direction for pleasure and comfort. They forgot they were made for God, and earthly things cannot satisfy. There is everything in God to satisfy both young and old. Those who give up all their sins and stop racing

bubbles, stop trampling underfoot the Son of God, find rest and "peace that passeth all understanding" and "joy that addeth no sorrow," Phil. 4:7.

But only a few out of the multitudes can be persuaded to stop as they madly race on chasing phantoms. To ease their conscience they take up with popular religion, and there are many kinds suited to all classes of sinners. This, too, is one of the devil's bubbles luring them on, making them satisfied in their sins with a profession of religion on top of it all, till at last death arrests them and they drop into hell with a scream. Psalm 9:17, 55:15; Luke 12:5; Rev. 20:15. You cannot have Christ and your sins, and you should fly from any system of religion which teaches that you can, no matter how popular or alluring.

We would warn you, "Look out for the opiates of death." The formal, time-seeing, flattering, deceitful churches of this age are holding thousands of precious souls, young and old, in the chains of fatal delusion, and they sleep on till the fires of hell shall burn the bandages from their eyes, and they awake in eternal woe, "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched," Mark 9:44. Jesus Christ with His words and life among us, His sacrificial spirit and death on the cross, has thrown Himself across the pathway that leads to hell and none can go there who do not go over His broken, mangled, and bruised body. Could you, sinner and ungodly professor, see yourself as you are and Jesus Christ as He is, the phantoms you are chasing and the world of woe to which your course is leading you, you would turn about, throw up your hands and scream for mercy and find eternal riches, your true fortune, and Christ to the salvation of your soul.

Revival

We thank and praise God for the good revival closed recently at Charleston conducted by Sister Margaret Jacobs. The Lord gave the victory. Praise His name! Sister Jacobs has been a blessing to us in many ways and we are glad that she came to Charleston. God honored His Word, the Holy Ghost taking charge many times, bringing conviction to the hearts of those present. We thank God for fifteen souls being saved, ten sanctified, and seven filled with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. The church has been lifted up and we feel greatly encouraged to press on. Please remember us when you pray.—Yours in the Master's service, A. B. Reed, pastor, Charleston, S. C., 945 Rutledge Ave.

REVIVALS

McVEIGH, Ky.—We just closed a revival at McVeigh, Ky. Church of God with twenty saved, sixteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and ten added to the church. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We surely have some fine people in the church at McVeigh, they are workers for the Lord. Pray for the church here.—Willis Carden, pastor.

ADA, Okla.—We are glad to report a good revival which just closed with Clarence Taylor and A. J. Mitchell, two good young men starting out in the evangelistic work, in charge. Two were saved, three sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the Church. We recommend these brethren to any church wishing a good, old-time revival. Address them in care of William Schneidmueller, 622 N. Townsend, Ada, Okla., Clarence Taylor.—Wm. Schneidmueller.

WILDER, Va.—Dear saints, I praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the good meeting held here by our pastor, H. O. Kirk. He surely preached the Word of God, which fed our hungry souls. Praise the Lord. All the saints rejoiced in the power of the Holy Ghost. Five were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen baptized in water. Praise the Lord for the dear saints at Wilder. Please pray for me and my family that we will stand true until He comes or calls. Pray for the Lord to heal me for I am in bad health.—Your sister in Christ, Ella Musick, clerk.

CULLMAN, Ala. — We have just closed a two weeks' meeting with Brother Gossett doing the preaching. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost. Lots of interest was shown and I feel much stronger. My wife was one who received the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord for His wonderful blessings. Four were baptized in water.

We have a nice little church set in order with nine members. We are a happy little band, shouting our way to the glory world. Pray for us that we may ever be under the blood. You will find us working for our Lord. Pray for us.—W. A. Wildmon.

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.—A revival closed here with seven saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The

Lord blessed in a wonderful way. A number received healing for their bodies. Brother Lon Price was in charge of the preaching.—Brother Jones, pastor.

DODDSVILLE, Miss.—A two weeks' meeting just closed at Pilgrim Rest with Sister Bessie Scruggs doing the preaching. God wonderfully blessed. Four were baptized with the Holy Ghost, one sanctified, and one saved. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing during the meeting. The saints got a new touch of fire. We all love Sister Scruggs and will be glad to have her back any time.

The Lord did some wonderful healing in the meeting. My baby was healed and I was bothered with one of my lungs but during a grove meeting God healed it, for which I give Him the praise. Please pray for me when you read this, I have something wrong with my ears and throat.—Leona Tharp, Rt. 1.

Blairsville, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

The Blairsville, Ga. district convention was held at the Hiwassee, Ga. courthouse July 31-Aug. 2, inclusive. The district pastor, Brother Thad Puckett, had arranged a good program which was carried out nicely. The reports from the various districts proved that the district pastor had been on the job and had looked after the work well on his district.

Despite the rainy weather the attendance was good. The people, tho' many of them were poor, came with victory in their souls determined to make the convention a success. We appreciate the way the Lord was with His people and for the nice response that was made on missions, the orphanage work, also an offering was taken for the state overseer and the Sunday School superintendent.

The state overseer, Brother Hughes, was present and delivered some very instructive messages on the subjects assigned him. In fact, all the speakers seemed to have a good anointing, and best of all, the people were hungry for the truth and seemed to stow away in their hearts every message that was given. Brother and Sister Eller and the orphanage quartet were present also, and a nice program of songs was rendered by the quartet which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Just before the convention closed the district pastor gave opportunity for testimonies and it was marvelous how the Lord came down among His people, which greatly touched the hearts of the large crowd that filled the courthouse. Many of those present were seen wiping the tears from their eyes and were convinced that God was with His people. We believe this convention has meant much to that community.—E. J. Boehmer.

Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa States Convention

The Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa states convention convened July 10-12 at Pittsburg, Kans. with Brother J. M. Snyder, state overseer, in charge. The convention was held under a large tent on the church lots by the church building. The church building was used for a dining room to serve the delegates their free meals during the convention.

The attendance was good, we had delegates from six different states. Our esteemed General Overseer, J. H. Walker, was present and his service was of great value. Brother and Sister S. J. Wood were present and brought some singers with them from Oklahoma. Many came from Missouri also.

The preaching was good throughout the convention. Brother Walker brought us a message on missions which made the tears flow down the faces of most every one present. This was followed by an offering in the amount of \$35.55. Brother Walker brought other touching messages. Brother Wood and many others did wonderful preaching. The singing was good with Newton Ward in charge. Brother Ward is doing a good work in the music line in Kansas. The schools he taught were a great blessing to the convention.

Another thing we enjoyed were the good reports from the district pastors, telling how they went one hundred per cent on missions and aged ministers' fund. It was said during the convention we are moving forward because of our loyalty.

The convention was run on cash basis, no debts were left to worry about. The convention closed with handshakes and good-byes, as you all know, hating to part, but having a record to go down in history as success.

We highly appreciate the good work of our dear Brother Snyder, who has labored so faithfully with his good wife at his side ready to help us. The Lord only knows the sacrifice they have made this year. — Convention clerks, Elsie Ralph, Violet Richardson, W. R. Bolte.

Notice!

We are sorry but our supply of Sunday School literature for the third quarter is entirely exhausted, with the exception of a few cards for the children. Please do not send in any more orders for the third quarter, but you may send in your orders for the fourth quarter.

Many flocks of sheep have been scattered by a poor shepherd, that were never gathered back by a good one, but became lost and died away from the fold.

REPORTS

The Holy Ghost is My Comforter

MINE LA MOTTE, Mo.—Dear saints of God, how glad I am to report that I still love God and His way. Bless His name! I hate the devil and all that pertains to him. I am a member of the good Church of God and it's the dearest thing on earth to me.

I don't get to attend church much because I live about twenty-three miles from the church, but we have prayer meeting every Tuesday at the people's homes. Some get blessed but don't want to go any deeper with the Lord. Pray that they will go on. Also pray for me as I have so many tests and trials to go through as all saints do. I have lost my husband and two children in the last three years and I don't feel at home here any more only when I get in a good meeting. The good Holy Ghost has been my comforter through it all. Bless His name! Pray for me.—Your sister in Jesus' name, Mrs. Julia LaChance.

Enjoying God's Blessings

Just after a glorious revival closed the Arderson district Y. P. E. convention was held at LaFrance, S. C. We truly thank God for His wonderful presence that day. Brother C. F. Grant took charge until God's children let the Holy Ghost have His way and then He took charge. We thank God for the Holy Ghost and His power to bless.

The musical program was composed of trios, quartets, and string music, which was enjoyed by all. Brother Robert Johnson gave a splendid talk on missions by which many were deeply touched. He then received a good offering which was sent to our dear missionaries.

Praise God for LaFrance Church of God and our pastor, Brother Frank Muller. Pray that we will stay on the firing line and our district will keep up its corner of God's work.—Miss Lorine Trotter, LaFrance, S. C.

I'm Glad I Started While Young

CANTON, N. C.—I truly praise God for full and free salvation, something that we can know about. It has been a year this June since the Lord saved me. I was sick in bed and mother prayed for me and the Lord healed me. He also saved me. Glory to God! Later the Lord sanctified me by His precious blood. Then in December, 1935, Brother Lane Atkins ran a revival here in Canton and one day

at home the Lord gave me the sweet Holy Ghost for which I praise Him. Thank the Lord.

I thank the Lord for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I thank Him for our church at Canton and for our good pastor, Brother Delk. Please pray that we will shine for Jesus. We want to be ready to go when Jesus comes. We feel His coming is near. I was nearly twelve years old when I was filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will hold out faithfully and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls for I do want to help win souls for Christ.—Your humble sister, Joereene Maney.

Expecting Work to Move Up

ROCKY FORD, Ga.—We thank the Lord for the two weeks' revival which was held at Sandhill Church of God beginning June 28 and closing July 12 with Brother A. G. Carroll in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed throughout the meeting. The church had been growing weak for the past two or three years but we feel like it's going to move up. Our pastor, Brother J. E. Davis, has been working faithfully among us, teaching and admonishing the saints for a closer walk with God. He seems to have done his best for God and the upbuilding of the church, so we feel sure we're going to win over the enemy. Thank God! Brother Gary Jackson, our district pastor, was with us several nights, also Sister Myrtle Joyner, for which we thank the Lord. Sister Joyner preached for us one night and seemed to be at her best. Brother Carroll did the rest of the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed. The enemy fought with all his might but the saints held on to God, meeting with Brother Carroll in the homes in prayer services and thanksgiving unto God in behalf of the church and lost souls.

Our souls were made to feast on the good things of God. Saints shouted, danced in the Spirit, and talked in tongues under the power of the Holy Ghost. We believe lots of good seed were sown and much good was done. Eternity alone will tell the good accomplished. Sinners were convicted of sin. I don't know just how many were saved, one was sanctified, and one backslider was reclaimed. The meeting closed with twenty in the altar. Hearts seemed hungry for God. Saints were drawn closer to God, made to rejoice in His great love and encouraged to press on, stand firmer, and do more for God in the future than ever before. Please pray for the little band of saints at Sandhill that we still might rise and shine for God and be soul winners for Him. Pray for us to stand firm and true.—A blood-brought sister, Maggie Hood.

The Lord is Wonderfully Good To Us

FALKVILLE, Ala. — Dear Evangel readers, I thank God for His goodness and great healing power. On July 12 my little three-year-old girl took very sick. I didn't know what her trouble was. I took her to church as our revival was on and had the saints pray for her. It seemed she grew worse. We kept asking God to touch her body, still she seemed to get no better. On Wednesday we called the doctor. He came and pronounced her with irritated bladder. The next day he came back (within himself) and pronounced her with infantile paralysis, and said he just couldn't do a thing but give a medicine to keep her easy.

On Friday Brothers A. J. Murray and Alvin Hill came over to see her. They prayed and anointed her with oil as the Bible says in James 5:14. Brother Murray also wrote to some saints at Birchwood, Tenn., for special prayer for her. I had already written to Brother Rouse, but as I didn't know exactly where he was I wasn't sure he would get the letter.

On Friday evening the doctor came back and when he examined her he said she was looking lots better. He said he thought he could get her by without the paralysis. Don't you see the Lord is wonderfully good if we will trust Him. I thank God for every one everywhere who prayed for her. She can't walk yet. She is all right, doing fine every way except she can't walk. Please continue to pray until the Lord gives her legs strength if it is His will.—One who loves the Church of God, Hattie Hubbard, Rt. 1,

Healed By His Mighty Power

STEP ROCK, Ark.—I praise the Lord for what He is to us. Last Sunday we prayed for Brother B. C. Sturch and God wonderfully healed him. He hadn't walked in about two weeks without his crutches, but when the power fell he didn't need a crutch. Oh glory! He shouted and praised the Lord. There have been other healings too numerous to mention.—H. L. Berry.

The Lord is So Real

GREENVILLE, Miss.—Dear brothers and sisters, I praise the Lord for the healing of my body. The Lord is so real, He is everything to me. I was so sick until I hardly knew anything. The saints came over and prayed for me, praise the Lord, and He healed me. This God that I am serving can do anything, not just little things but big things.

Pray for me and my husband that we will do what the Lord would have us do.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. M. L. Kuhn, 1102 S. Hinds St.

Efforts Blessed in Getting New Work Started

BASTIAN, Va.—Dear saints everywhere, I ask every child of God to pray that the Church of God at Bastian, Va. will rise and shine for God.

About six and a half or seven years ago two of God's children moved to Suiter, Va., five miles from Bastian in a lumber camp. They soon started a little prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon and Sunday night. Just think where God's hand was working. Hallelujah! God saved another sister to work for Him through the prayers of these faithful two.

About two or three years later I moved in close to the camp. The sisters began to pray about having prayer service at my home, although I never had met them. Now the only church at that place was a Close Communion church, and they soon locked it up against God's people, refused to let a preacher of God preach in it. So you see cottage meetings were all they could have. Another sister got saved during this time. Then God brought it around in a way that I sent word for them to have meeting at my home. Soon conviction fell on my heart and I accepted this full, free salvation. Praise God!

About a year ago the camp was moved down to Bastian, Va. I was left at Suiter to fight the battle. One sister and her husband were sent four or five miles beyond Bastian. We still had prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon. I went all I could, the other sisters went almost regularly. We prayed for God to make the way and open up something at Bastian. We just got down on our knees in earnest prayer, held on to God, and glory to God, He has answered our prayers.

A few of us went from here to Council, Va., in Buchanan county last summer. We met lots of God's saints at a Church of God meeting and heard some wonderful sermons. In the fall just before the Assembly a church was set in order at Bastian with six members, then Brother Bun E. Hicks was sent to Wytheville and Bastian, Va. as pastor. He is a God-sent man and one full of fire and the Holy Ghost. We thank God for him as our pastor. We love the whole family.

During the winter Sister Rosa Lee Barr from West Virginia came here and held a ten days' revival. Three of us received the sweet Holy Ghost, one was saved and sanctified and since then another was sanctified. We now have eight members, four with the blessing and three more sanctified. You see how God is blessing us.

We need a church building. Pray God to bless us in this. Pray for our husbands and children to come to God and that

many souls will be saved. Pray for those seeking the blessing and that we can move closer to God's people where I can attend service regularly. I live five miles from any place of service and most of the time I have to walk.—Faithfully, Sister Kate Lovill.

The God We Serve Will Do To Trust

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Dear Evangel readers, I do thank God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus and a mind to live right and stand true to the dear old Church of God way up here alone, amidst false doctrine, and I ask an interest in your prayers at all times that the Lord will ever keep me and take me through.

I thank God for yet having faith to trust Him as a healer for both soul and body. Last Saturday evening when I came in from work I found my little niece very sick with fever and suffering with her side and head. At first Satan began to tell me what to do, but I sat on the side of the bed and waited for the Lord to direct me, and He did. I anointed her with olive oil in Jesus' name, prayed, and promised the Lord if He would heal her I would testify of it, and before I finished my prayer the fever began to go down, the misery left her head and side and she asked for food, got up and began to play as usual.

I declare this God we serve will do to trust. I give God all the honor and glory. Pray for me as I am away from any Church of God or members, but I mean to stand true.—Yours in the King's glad service, Miss Eula M. Harrell, 707 Gates Avenue.

He Hears and Answers Prayer

JOINER, Ark.—Dear readers, I took sick with flu March 29. I got up out of bed and preached that night. After service was over I had a hard chill and was in bed five days. I called for the white saints to come and pray for me. They came. There is a colored saint who lives close to me and she came with them. The dear Lord came in and healed the fever and headache. Praise His dear name.

I got worse on Thursday and sent for four of the colored saints to come and pray for me. The Lord healed the pains in my side and back. Praise God. He hears and answers His true children's prayers.

Dear saints, pray much for me and the dear little band of saints here at Joiner. I had to move away from here in January but the dear Lord made a way for me to come back and feed the little flock here.—Just an unworthy servant for Jesus, Mrs. M. A. Adams.

Always Have Good Services

RADFORD, Va.—Dear readers of the Evangel, we praise the Lord for the way our work is moving on in Radford, Va. under the pastorate of Brother Emmett Vaught and wife. They are real, consecrated soldiers of the cross. Brother Vaught came here to be our pastor almost two years ago and the longer he stays the more people love him. We always have good services and the presence of the Lord is great. Many have been healed of late. Our building won't take care of the people as so many want to always hear Brother Vaught expound the great Word of Truth to us.

How we need men and women who will consecrate all and follow Him. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless our church in this town. Brother Vaught is stronger in body than he has been. Every one pray for him and his wife.—Your brother, J. H. Estes.

Jesus Heals To-day

MILFORD, Del.—I praise God for His dear Son, Jesus. When I think of His birth, life, death, and resurrection, I humbly bow at His feet in adoration and praise. Only a few months ago I was a sinner, deep in sin. I came to the Church of God here in Milford, heard the precious Word of God, the Holy Ghost convicted me of sin and convinced me of my lost condition. I fell at His feet and to-day I am converted, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Pneumonia was working on me, I was suffering in every part of my body and spitting up blood. Sister Mullikin told us the sweet story that Jesus heals just the same to-day. I was anointed according to James and was healed. Glory to God! I praise Him for all He is to me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lillian Lynn.

Prayer and Faith Bring Healing

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala. — To the Church of God saints, I praise my God for His healing power. He has healed me many times. I am near seventy years old and four years ago the dear Lord healed my eyes and I laid off my glasses, I can read without them. Bless His name!

Sometime ago I fasted and prayed from one to three days a week for several weeks for the healing of two cancers, one on my nose and one on my cheek. They are almost gone. I believe they will go entirely. I hope this will help some one to get more faith in God for the healing of his body. Saints, pray for me that I may have a closer walk with God.—W. M. Krutsinger.

MISSIONS

FROM JERUSALEM TO BETHLEHEM

BY J. H. INGRAM

The reason why Jerusalem figures so prominently in my writings, is the fact I made my headquarters there, as do most pilgrims to the Holy Land. Leaving the city from Jaffa Gate the road descends into the upper part of the Vale of Hinnom, below the west walls. Then it ascends past the British Ophthalmic (eye) Hospital and the Scottish War Memorial Church and Hostel. I am sure the Ophthalmic Hospital serves a good purpose, since there is much blindness among the people of the East, as in the time of our Lord, with others suffering from "sore eyes." It has been conjectured that Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was chronic ophthalmia, inducing bodily weakness, and a repulsive appearance. "For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." 2 Cor. 10:10. Read also 2 Cor. 12:7-10; 1 Cor. 2:3, 4; Gal. 4:15. Pardon this digression, and let us continue the journey.

There are no buses running to Bethlehem on account of the strike, and the general uprising among the Arabs, so we took a city bus to the corporation line and set out on foot. Passing a road on the left, which leads up to the "Hill of Evil Counsel," one may see the place where tradition says the High Priest Caiaphas had a house in which the Jews first met to take counsel together against Jesus. We had about five miles to walk after leaving the bus, to reach Bethlehem, which is situated on a slightly lower level, to the south of Jerusalem. For some distance now we traverse the upper side of the Plain of Rephaim, or "Valley of Giants," possibly alluding to the ancient inhabitants, the children of Anak. Numbers 13:21-25; also verses 32-33. In this plain David fought two battles with the Philistines; 2 Sam. 5:17-25.

In my fancy, these scenes of old became a living reality. I could picture little David, the captain of the attacking forces of the Israelites, setting the battle in array. His men were as grasshoppers in size, to compare with the giants of Anak, who also were, perhaps, superior in numbers. But he deploys his "storm troops" and rushes the frontline trenches, shouting the victory as they go over the top. Bringing the thought home to ourselves to-day, it matters little how hard the battles of life may be,

if we have the Captain of the Host of the Lord on our side.

A mile or so down the road was the "Well of the Magi," to our left near an olive grove. Tradition relates that when the wise men had come thus far from Jerusalem, they stopped to draw water, and saw far below the reflection of the star of the East, which had guided them on their journey as far as Jerusalem, and had now appeared to them again. Matt. 2:7-10. The Well of the Magi, as it is to-day, takes on the nature of a cistern, and has two openings which are several feet apart. Each of these openings is covered with huge circular shaped stones having holes in their centers, through which the water may be drawn. The opening nearest the road had an iron cover over it, and there was a large hewn-out stone basin alongside, into which water was poured for the sheep or cattle to drink. The well has fallen into disuse of late. I looked down through one opening and could see clearly the reflection of the light coming in through the other one.

Next we pass on the left the Green Convent of Mar Elias—"St. Elijah"—where the prophet is supposed to have rested on his flight to Horeb, the Mount of God. To the left of the road was a sort of little shrine, where there was a stone fountain, small cistern, resembling a well, partly concealed in a niche back of the wall. You could reach down through a hole cut in the rock cover and dip up the water with a cup provided for weary travelers who may thus quench their thirst. Being hot and thirsty I took some water in the name of Jesus, and at the same time quoting Mark 16:18, "If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." I have had to lean heavily upon this promise during my long journey around the world. On the right hand side of the road was a stone bench with scripture verses carved upon it in Arabic, English and Hebrew. This seat was placed here by Mrs. Holman Hunt in memory of her husband, the late artist, who painted some notable pictures—"The Scape Goat," etc., during his visits to Palestine many years ago.

Just after passing this corner Bethlehem appears and in the middle distance on the left may be seen the Frank Mountain (2,676), a hill with a flat top, which is artificial. This is called by the Arabs "Jebel Fureidis"—"The Hill of Paradise. It is the place where Herod the Great, after winning a signal victory

over Antigonus in 42 B. C., built a town and a royal palace which became one of his favorite residences. It is in this hill that the king was said to have been buried, and there is no record to show that the tomb has ever yet been discovered. Near by, on the same side of the road, is a field covered with small pebbles, which is the scene of one of the stories about our Lord that are typical of the old traditions. As He passed by He said to a man who was sowing peas, "What are you sowing there, my friend?" and the answer came "stones." "Then stones you will reap," said Jesus, and sure enough, when the man came to gather his crop, he found that all the peas had become stones. One need not sow stones on the Judean Hills, since this section is well blessed with them—unlike the large valleys and the plain country on the lower levels. Yes! I might say, they are "blessed" with stones, a threefold blessing in my estimation. First, the rocks are—some of them—gathered out and made into fences, which last for ages, so to say. Then others are banked around the hillsides in terraces, forming little flat benches, which makes cultivation easier, and at the same time act as safeguards against soil erosion—the washing away of the earth during the rainy season. Then last, but not least perhaps, the stones help to hold the moisture in the ground during the dry season. The landscaping in the hill country was to me a source of beauty. The houses are made of white stone with flat roofs, and a walled-up enclosure on top, where the family and their friends may retire in the cool of the day, when they sit together and sip coffee, talking over the current events. A house of this type forms a pretty setting, in the midst of one of these little rock-terraced estates, entwined with grape vines, and with olive and fig trees, pomegranates, and what-not, grown up about the place. Then, too, there is most always a riot of color, when it comes to flowers and booming shrubbery, which perfume the air with their fragrance. On the other hand, lack of care and attention on the part of the owners—as is often the case—would bring about a scene of utter ruin and desolation. "Digging a living from the ground" is no light task in this country. It is no wonder that God told Adam he would have to till the ground "in the sweat of his face."

Continuing, we presently come to Rachel's tomb, on our right, where Jacob's beloved wife died while giving birth to Benjamin, during their journey from Bethel to take up their residence in Hebron, Gen. 35:16-20. This is an almost certain site, and is venerated alike by Christians, Jews, and Moslems. A few yards farther we took to the left, following a branch road which

led into Bethlehem itself, and to the ancient Church of the Nativity, built over the site where Christ was born and laid in the manger. Arriving at the church, which is a massive stone structure, we came to the door—a little low opening within the archway of the original entrance which had been sealed up with stone. One has to stoop very low in order to enter. This compels the people to bow coming in, also it originally served as a protection against the onrush of hostile bands who used to rove the country. Then, too, the bedouin tribes could not bring their camels inside and convert the Sacred Place into a stable again, as they would mostly likely have done.

Once we were on the inside and straightened up again, I noticed that the massive superstructure was held up by forty-four huge pillars, which were arranged eleven in a row, with two rows on each side of the church. We started on our long march down the main aisle to the altar, beneath which is the Cave of the Nativity. There were scores of lamps and other religious paraphernalia hanging about, which belong only to the Church of Rome, whose influence is strongly felt, in spite of the fact that the Greeks and Armenians have their altars set up, within the walls, and the place as a whole is open for worship to all Christians. We went down a flight of stone steps to the right of the altar, lighting the way with candles until we came to the cave itself, which is about 12x42 feet and is lighted by fifty-three silver lamps. Near the center was a star in the floor, with the Latin inscription "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." The place seemed sacred to me in spite of its unconventional surroundings, so I reached out my hand to touch the spot often washed by the tears of pilgrims traveling afar, coming from many lands abroad. At the same time I knelt in prayer while the tears of gratitude and thankfulness for God's great gift began to flow down my cheeks. The removal of this star—which appeared to be of silver—led to a dispute between France and Russia at one time, which blazed into the Crimean War. We now visit the manger cut in the rock below us, and return to the main level of the church by another stone stairway—worn by the weary footsteps of countless pilgrims, gone on before. Leaving the building through the same little hole in the wall, we went on a short visit about the city before leaving for the return trip to Jerusalem.

With other brief references to the Church of the Nativity, before passing on, it might be well to state that the Emperor Hadrian also tried to blot out the memory of this sacred spot. by plant-

ing a grove and building up a temple to Adonis. There is a beautiful Bible story interwoven with the history of Bethlehem itself. Here were also born such noble characters as Elimelech and Naomi, Boaz and Obed, Jesse, David, etc. Read the book of Ruth with kindred references leading down to Luke in the New Testament. Bethlehem to-day, as in the time of Christ, has many houses built over caves where the live stock is housed, with the family living in rooms above. The cattle eat out of mangers cut in the rock.

Modern Bethlehem is somewhat Christianized, but there were mobs of angry, striking Arabs, milling about the streets, and we were threatened with stones on entering the city. However, the police intervened, and no rocks were thrown. A little south of here on the Hebron road are the "Pools of Solomon," where Jerusalem gets part of its water supply, as in the days of old. I wanted to visit this place but my time was too limited. Then there is Hebron itself about nineteen miles away in which is the Cave of Macpelah, the burial place of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, with their wives, Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah. A Mohammedan mosque stands over the cave and no one can get in without a pass from the Grand Mufti. On top of the cave within the mosque are the tombs. Those of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are covered with green and gold cloth, while those of Sarah, Rebekah, and Leah are shrouded in crimson cloth. It is believed that no one has entered the cave itself since the time when the Crusaders went down and saw the amazing sight, the moulding bones of the Old Testament chiefs lying in the dark, after which they washed them in wine and gently replaced them, sealing up the place with iron clamps—which are said to still be in place. I believe that silver bars were also put in place later—judging from the picture and reports brought back. Anyway I left this excursion to Hebron for my other trip to Palestine, which I hope to make next spring, D. V.

If I am in the same work next year, I will in all probability have to make another trip to Europe, perhaps to Egypt. In that event I want to get up a party and tour the Holy Land. I have in mind to accept the sub-agency pro-tem from one of the large transatlantic lines, in which case I will get a free ticket if a reasonably large party goes along. Also I can get special rates for all. And in the case any of our ministers or members care to make the trip and do not have the ready cash, they can put up about one-third of the cost, and a certain bank will post the remainder and they can pay it in monthly payments after they return. Only those regularly employed in

the ministry, or either in secular work, who have a good credit standing, can borrow money on these terms. The cost of the entire trip should not be over \$450.00 and the tour can be made in two months. You churches and states as well, would profit by letting your pastor or overseer off on a trip like this, and he, too, would receive untold blessings and lasting benefit. If this trip materializes, I will announce it through the Evangel soon after the coming Assembly, D. V. At least it is something to pray about, for in any event we would want the mind of the Lord in the matter.

Praise God For Salvation

INDIANOLA, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers: I praise God to-day for salvation. I am glad that I can say I really want to do my Savior's will. It is not my privilege to be in service and I surely do enjoy reading the good sermons and testimonies in the Evangel.

Please pray for me to get closer to the Lord, for I really want to make heaven my home.—One who loves the Lord, Mrs. Maizie Greenlee.

He Abides To-day

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—Dear saints, I really praise the Lord for what He is to me right now. I praise Him for healing my body. I had high blood pressure and kidney poison and was swollen so I could not see or walk. The dear saints came and prayed for me and the dear Lord healed me. I can never praise Him enough for it.

I praise Him for saving my soul, sanctifying me with the precious blood, and giving me the good Holy Ghost about two years ago and He still abides to-day. I mean to go through so pray for me that I will always be humble and be in the Lord's will.—A sister in Christ, Estelle Hudgins.

SPECIAL OFFER

After talking with Brother Hughes concerning his little book on the Church, he has decided to offer it for 10c. Brother Hughes has been sick and he wishes to sell the book at this price in order to raise the bill for printing. Every one should take advantage of this offer. Special price to agents.

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Requests

Dear saints, I got jerked off a horse three years ago and got my back and hip hurt. It is getting worse. I'm trusting God to heal me so I can do my riding. I live on a ranch and have lots of riding to do. I also have an unspoken request.—A brother in the Church of God, Dock Smith, Tolor, N. Mex.

Please pray for the healing of my little girl's body. It seems sometimes that she will smother. She has something like heart trouble and asthma. I know the Lord is able. Also remember wife and me.—Ira Lanier, Okeechobee, Fla.

Our meeting started last night. Pray for us to have a good meeting. Pray for my baby and mother.—Bernice Gentry, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

Dear saints, I am sick with T. B. of the lungs and I want you to pray a special prayer for me, that the Lord will heal me. I have three girls and I would love to live to raise them for Him. Please pray earnestly for me.—Mrs. Carrie Hazellief, Bassenger, Fla.

Please pray for my eyes. I can hardly see to read at all. Pray that the Lord will send a revival here that will be long remembered.—J. Easley, Neches, Tex.

I request prayer for the healing of my body, also for my mother who is in bad health. Pray for our baby and for God to save folks at this place.—Myrtice Wolfe, Rt. 2, Nichols, Ga.

Dear saints, I need your prayers for healing. I am a preacher but the devil has handicapped me for the past two years with a weakness in my back that keeps me from going out after lost sheep. I was healed of creeping paralysis last year but this weakness stayed. If you are interested in soul salvation, pray earnestly for my deliverance so I can return to the Lord's work. I have faith in God and in your prayers. My all is on the altar.—Mrs. M. B. Berry, 315 S. Oak, Mountain Grove, Mo.

We want you to pray for Sister Parish who is very low.—Edward Salter, pastor, Selma, N. C.

I have an unspoken request for prayer for my home and loved ones. Pray that God will come to my rescue.—Jewell Steward, Step Rock, Ark.

I praise God this morning for salvation

and for healing me of chills and fever over two months ago. Also, my arm seemed to be nearly paralyzed about two years ago and the Lord healed it. He has healed in our family many times. I want God's children to pray that He will heal my teeth and heal my husband and deliver him. Pray for the revival at Cairo. Pray for my loved ones.—Mrs. F. E. Newby, Cairo, Ga.

I thank the Lord for salvation and want every one to please pray that God will heal my body. Pray for my dear brothers and sisters who are unsaved, also my aged daddy who is in bad health. Pray that the Lord will bring him in this good way. Pray that my husband will receive the precious Holy Ghost.—Bloom Williams, Step Rock, Ark.

Dear saints, please pray for sister. She once had the victory and was a member of the Church of God.—Miss Peodia Allen, Lake Dale, N. C.

Please pray a special prayer that my companion will get back to the Lord and receive the Holy Ghost, also that I will get stronger. Pray for the church at Equality.—Pearl McCoughan, Equality, Ill.

Dear saints, pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I have stomach trouble and my nerves are bad. My three-year-old baby is having chills. Pray for her. Some of the members of my family once had the Holy Ghost but have gone back. Please pray for them to come back to God.

If any good Church of God preacher wants to preach in a new place, come and preach for us. There hasn't been but about two Church of God sermons preached here. There is a little schoolhouse close to Walnut Grove, two and one-half miles south, coming on Highway No. 1. If you feel led to come here, we would be glad. Folks are starving for the true Word of God.—Mrs. Bertha Rhodes, Rt. 1, Knobel, Ark.

Dear children of God, I am writing you in regards to Mrs. Grear. She wants to serve God and is bound with a dope demon and is very miserable. She asked me to write for prayer for her, that she might be delivered. Also pray for my eyes as they are weak.—Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, 1133 E. Milton St., Hazel Park, Mich.

Dear saints everywhere, please pray for me. I am on the battle field all the time and am so afflicted in my body. I go by faith. I am in bed all day long sometime. I get up and go on to service and preach every night. I have trusted

the Lord over twenty years and want to trust Him all the way. God is wonderfully blessing and I am encouraged to go on. Pray for Max Meadows, that the Lord will send workers here. Souls are hungry and a revival is needed.—Miss Sallie Pugh, Vinton, Va.

Please don't pass this request up but pray for God to heal my foot. I have something like erysipelas and I surely need help from God.—Eva Giford, Box 371, Canton, N. C.

My boy who was gone from home is back. Pray for him to be saved. Pray a special prayer for my son who is in Youngstown, Ohio, 1309 Lilac St. If you feel led to write him or send him an anointed handkerchief, please do so. He has been sick about eight months and is not able to work. He is not satisfied about his soul but fears death. Pray until God gives him real salvation, fills him with the Holy Ghost and fire and heals his body. Pray that God will provide a way for me to go to see him. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. N. A. Corley, Rt. 2, Midland City, Ala.

Please pray earnestly for our husband and father who was injured while at work in a coal mine in this section Aug. 6.—Mrs. E. V. Williams and daughters, Cleo, Rachel, and Margaret, Middlesboro, Ky.

I have a special request for prayer and ask that you remember me. I thank God for the way He has been blessing the church here though we are not in a revival. Many have prayed through. Very often the Lord takes charge and we don't have any preaching. Pray that God will send an old-time revival. Many are interested.—Mrs. T. M. Beam, Belmont, N. C.

I ask every one to pray for Sister Mae Holden. She has T. B. of the lungs and can only whisper. She cannot turn herself in bed. Unless God undertakes she won't be here long. Pray that the Lord will touch her body and heal her. She has the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will heal my back. Also pray for my sister to be healed. She is unsaved but believes in divine healing. Pray for our church here.—Mrs. Fannie Markin, Smithers, W. Va.

Please pray for my husband and children, that they may see themselves as God sees them. Pray that my home may be one of prayer and praise. Pray for the community in which I live for there are many souls who need God here. I also have an unspoken request.—Mrs. J. S. Crout, Columbia, S. C., Rt. 1.

We have just begun a new work at Cherry Lake, Fla., and are already having services in our new tabernacle, although it is not completed yet. Please pray for God to send the people here out to the meeting and save their precious souls. Mr. Jowers, who has been suffering greatly for the past two months with severe pains in his neck and stomach, requests earnest prayer for his soul and body. Please do not forget to pray for him as his case is urgent. Also pray for the others in the family.—A. B. Lane, Madison, Fla.

Pray a special prayer for the Lord to heal my husband of kidney stones and malaria fever. Also pray for the Lord to save him. Please don't neglect this. Pray that I may stay humble.—Mrs. Mellie Houston, Alapaha, Ga.

Please pray for my husband to get under conviction until he will come to Jesus. Pray that my body will be healed. I am trusting God. Also pray for Sister Cobb's foot to be healed. Pray for the church here.—A sister in Christ, Altha Millam, Rt. 3, Box 72, Washington, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I am afflicted with chills and fever. I have fallen by the wayside and want to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. I know the Church of God is right. I would appreciate letters of encouragement.—Henry Sims, Stevenson, Ala.

Dear readers, please pray for me to be filled with the Holy Ghost and for my husband and family to find this way before it is too late. Pray for my brothers, sisters, father and mother to be saved. Pray that I will be true. Pray for the church here.—Mrs. C. C. Forrister, Rt. 2, Culberson, N. C.

Dear saints of the Church of God, I am in Moulton, Ala. trying to get a place to run a meeting here as the Lord has laid this place on my heart. It seems to be a very hard place to me but we read in God's Word that there is nothing too hard for God. Please pray earnestly for God to give me a good revival. I am certainly standing in need of prayer.—A brother in Christ, H. L. Kitchen, Moulton, Ala.

I am seriously ill with stomach trouble, something like cancer. Please pray for me at once. If God doesn't undertake I can't last much longer. Pray that I'll get closer to the Lord and get satisfied about the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Minnie Slion, Walhalla, S. C.

A few days ago I felt very bad in

body and sent a request for prayer. I am much better but I am not well yet. Continue to pray for me.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

I ask the readers of the Evangel to pray for my husband to fully surrender to the Lord. Pray for my home, that we may have a Christian home. Pray for me and for the people of this community.—Mrs. W. L. Simmons, Rt. 1, Trussville, Ala.

Please pray for my son, Ray Marlin. He is in a terrible condition. Also pray for his children and my daughter, Easter Headley. She is a minister in the Church of God. She is very nervous and isn't doing much preaching now. She needs your prayers that she will know God's will and do it. Pray for her unsaved husband. He is a believer in the Church of God but doesn't have salvation. Remember all my children and their families in prayer, also remember me that I will be a shining light to them.—Mrs. A. M. Marlin, Rt. 1, Box 88, Cave City, Ark.

Please pray a special prayer for some requests I have. Also pray for our revival at Fitzgerald, that many souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Newton Smith, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for me, that God will help me overcome. I have a burden on my heart that God alone is able to move. Please don't forget this request. I have loved ones whom I want to see saved. Pray that God will save them. I want to attend Bible School this term, D. V. Pray that God will help me.—Mae Seger, Valdeese, N. C.

Dear Evangel readers, please pray for our revival that is going on here in the courthouse in Robbinsville, N. C. I have carried a heavy burden for this place several years and I can begin to see my prayers being answered. We are expecting one of the best churches here in the near future that can be found in the state. Please pray the prayer of faith for us.—T. L. Willix and T. W. Harkins, evangelists.

EDITORIALS

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to the next step in the way to God which is:

FAITH

How are we to be saved?

"God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9).

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a

rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

"For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8).

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

In answer to the question "What must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

"These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5:1).

Faith is evidenced by confession

"The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:8-10).

Faith is immediately followed by justification and regeneration

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

The witness of the Spirit

After believing on Christ unto salvation we will not be left in doubt. If we steadfastly maintain our faith we will soon have the witness of the spirit.

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

"Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4:6).

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of His Spirit" (1 John 4:13).

(To be continued)

Death Notices

WEBSTER

Mrs. Alice Webster, wife of Brother S. A. Webster, was born Jan. 2, 1882, and died July 10, 1936. She was a faithful member of the Church of God and an evangelist. She went and preached the true Word of God. She will be missed but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She said before she died that she heard sweet heavenly music and lay and clapped her hands and praised the Lord. Brother Clarence Tarpley conducted the funeral at the Church of God and her body was laid to rest in the Webber cemetery. She leaves behind her devoted husband, four sons, two daughters, and a host of friends to grieve over the loss of a good wife and mother.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lillard, Marked Tree, Ark.

STOWERS

Mr. Albert F. Stowers was born Oct. 28, 1872 and died June 22, 1936, being sixty-three years, eight months, and twenty-four days old. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the So. Chapel on South Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif., and interment made in the El Monte, Calif., Savannah cemetery.—John Sharp, 311 W. 8th St., Corona, Calif.

NELSON

Adolphus Nelson died June 30, 1936, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a humble man and served in the Church of God four years. His funeral was conducted by E. D. Larmin, pastor, assisted by a Baptist leader.—Reuben Jackson, clerk, Kellits P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

PATTERSON

Sister Sallie Patterson died July 14, 1936. She was among the best members in the Church of God. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God on Osborne Ave., by her pastor, J. C. Childers, Anderson, S. C.

STOKES

William Howard, darling baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stokes, Birchwood, Tenn., was born Feb. 19, 1935 and died July 24, 1936. The funeral was conducted by the writer, C. L. Harris.

BARKER

Cora Lake Barker, wife of L. A. Barker, died Nov. 7, 1935. She became a Christian at the age of sixteen and from that time until death lived for the Lord. She was sixty years, three months, and eleven days old. Please pray for me, her daughter and a member of the Church

of God.—Mrs. Ada Drake, Big Creek, W. Va.

ALFORD

John Henry Alford, son of G. W. and Teedy Alford, died July 30, 1936, at the age of eleven months and eleven days. The funeral was conducted by Brother Young and Brother Burns.—A sister in Jesus, Minnie Williams, Palmer, Texas.

BENAFIELD

Mrs. Ella Benafield, mother of B. G. Pomroy, died July 27, 1936, at the age of fifty-three years and nine months. She was a loving mother and faithful wife and died in the faith. Pray for the family.—Her young preacher boy, B. G. Pomroy, Rt. 1, Box 324, Greenville, N. C.

AINSWORTH

Sister Maggie Ainsworth, wife of Brother W. F. Ainsworth, died July 24, 1936, at the age of twenty-nine years. She was a loyal member of the Church of God and a faithful wife. Funeral services were conducted by Brother T.

S. Payne and interment made in the Cedar Grove cemetery.—One who loved her, Sister H. J. French, Trinity, Texas.

Believes it was Prayer that Helped

DARLOVE, Miss. — Dear Evangel readers, I thank God for giving me faith in Him to believe and trust Him for His healing power. My little boy who the doctors claim has a tumor on the brain is getting better. Praise the Lord! The 8th of March he had one of those spells. I asked the Lord not to let him have one through the rest of the month and I would testify of it to His glory. This is the 6th of April and he hasn't had one yet. Thank the Lord.

Saints, I don't know how to thank you, for I believe it was your prayer that has helped my boy. We also have family prayer. Please continue to pray for us. I want to get where we can go to church. Pray for us.—A sister, Mrs. C. B. West.

Sunday School Literature

As our Assembly has been moved up to October 2, this will throw our Sunday School literature rush right up to the time of the beginning of the Assembly. The plant will be closed all during the Assembly. We are asking that all Sunday Schools get their orders in by the twelfth or fifteenth of September, so that you will be sure to have your literature before the Assembly. We would be glad to have these orders by September 1, and it certainly will be a favor to the Publishing House if you will send your orders in early this time. Our Sunday School supplies have run out, but we will increase our number this time so you will be sure to have plenty of literature. We have made our Teachers' Quarterly a special feature, and it will contain more information this coming quarter than any Teachers' Quarterly up to this time. Those who want the best information on the lesson will do well to order one of these quarterlies.

Thank you in advance for sending us your orders early.

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DIVINE HEALING

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that it was only for the beginning of the gospel dispensation. Yes, brother, sister, I know that some ministers will teach that, and many honest hearts will believe it, but let me remind you now that the Bible does not teach such a doctrine. Christ has never changed, neither His power to save and heal. We read in Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The greatest thing God can do for us is to save us from sin by Jesus Christ, Matt. 1:21. The greatest wonder is the new birth, John 3:3, 5, 7. There are many experiences and blessings in the Christian life. But to be saved from sin is the greatest. There are people to-day, who, if God would heal them, would serve the devil and live in sin. It is better never to make a vow, than to make one and break it. I sincerely believe that as an individual is healed by Jesus it is for the purpose of bringing glory to Him, John 14:13.

It was perpetuated in the primitive church. History shows that for several centuries there were no means of healing practiced in the church outside of divine healing; the superstition and unbelief of the apostasy crowded out all other gospel truths, but thanks be to God the darkness is past and the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings is shining salvation and health to all who forsake all their old doctrines, creeds, and superstitions, and get back upon the old apostolic foundation, the Word of God.

Do you believe God still heals to-day? Yes, brother, you should if you don't. It is just as natural for you to say, "Jesus heals me now," as it would be to say "Jesus saves me now." To say "It may be God's will not to heal me," is as good as saying "I am walking against God's will." Jesus has said, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done."

Sickness and disease do not come from God, although He sometimes permits it to be so in order to get people to be obedient. God permitted the devil to afflict Job, not because he was disobedient but to test him. He stood the test and God marvelously healed him. The Lord doesn't want you to suffer a year or two before He heals you; healing is for you now. Just one look at Jesus and the work is done.

You may say, "Brother, if sickness and disease do not come from God, then where do they come from?" Well, my dear reader, sickness and disease come from the devil and were always dealt with by Jesus in His earthly ministry as a work of the devil. The Word of God plainly teaches us that the devil is the

author of disease. John 2:7; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:18. Only in a permissive sense does sickness come from God, and that by Satan. This the Scriptures also bear out.

We have people in our home town who teach that God in these last days intended to use physicians and medicine in sickness and disease. Do you think this could be possible? I do not condemn the man who gets a physician in case of sickness or disease, if he hasn't faith to do otherwise. Neither do I make the startling statement that a man will sin and go to hell if he uses medicine. But I do preach divine healing in its fullness and those who wish to accept it may do so.

It is true that Isaiah told Hezekiah to take a lump of figs but this has nothing to do with the New Testament means of healing. Also it is evident that figs did not heal him, but God said, "I will heal thee." Jesus did not use the clay on the eyes of the blind man for any curative power, for He commanded the man at once to go and wash it off. No one has heard of blindness from birth being healed by the use of clay as a medicine since then, nor ever before. It is evident that the spittle and clay were used by Jesus as a requirement of submission and obedience from the blind man. The thought must have been repulsive and humiliating to him as the clay was applied to his eyes, but like Naaman, he submitted and obeyed and received the blessing unspeakable of healing. Wine was recommended as an article of diet, that was because the water of that day and in that section brought disease to people. It had in it insects, therefore, Paul requested that Timothy leave it alone.

Medicines are recognized in the Word of God. In reference to this let us see what is in the Bible about it. Jer. 30:13, "Thou hast no healing medicines." Jer. 46:11, "In vain shalt thou use many medicines." Prov. 19:22, "A merry heart doeth good like medicine." Ezek. 46:12, "And the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine." This latter reference does not mean any material remedy but is prophetic of the tree of life and divine healing. Rev. 22:2. Thus we see the Word of God places no intrinsic value upon medicine.

The ministry of physicians for the body is not designed of God. The greater portion of the physicians of the land are ungodly people, many of them professed infidels, and were never designed of God to administer drugs and poisons to any one, much less to the people of God whose bodies are sacred temples of the Holy Ghost. The true ministers of the gospel are the ministers of both soul and

body. "And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere." Luke 9:6. "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20.

'Tis true also that the ministry of physicians is recognized in the Bible. Job 13:4, "But ye are forgers of lies, ye are all physicians of no value." 2 Chr. 16:12, "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not the Lord but to physicians." Mark 5:26. "And had suffered many things of many physicians, but rather grew worse." These scriptures show that the Bible gives no very favorable recognition of physicians.

Dr. Mason Good says, "My experience with *Materia Medica* has proven it a baseless fabric of dreams, and its theory pernicious; and the way out of it the only interesting passage it contains." I feel it my duty to spread the message of divine healing, yes, so much so as I have the soon coming of Christ. I also believe that every minister should do the same, and any preacher that takes healing from the sacred Word of God and teaches otherwise, has no business to stand behind the pulpit as an ambassador of God. We are creatures of God. He is our Creator, and to think of a creator not providing some remedy for those in need would be improper. Our Lord Jesus Christ does heal to-day.

Dear ones, I hope I have brought new light to your minds, especially you who know nothing about healing, in this message given in love, simplicity, and faith to you. May the Lord from this time on be your healer.

REVIVAL

A two weeks' meeting has just closed at the Busha Chapel Church of God which was a great blessing. Seven were saved, five sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. The altar was full the last night of the meeting. Brother Leonard Aultman of Alabama did the preaching. He is a good worker for the Lord. The church surely is helped and the seed that were sown will bring forth good fruit, I am sure. Pray for us.—Your brother under the blood, Clarence Busha, Purvis, Miss.

Notice

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